

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A system for remote configuration of an information handling system,
2 the system comprising:
3 a remote deployment management station operable to deploy configurations to
4 plural information handling systems;
5 an information handling system interfaced with the remote deployment
6 management station by one of plural network communication
7 components, the plural network communication components operating
8 in an unconfigured state;
9 a configuration agent running on the information handling system and
10 operable to configure the network communication components;
11 a management connection engine running on the information handling system
12 and operable to determine if a network communication component
13 connects with the remote deployment management station after
14 configuration by the configuration agent; and
15 a configuration adjustment engine running on the information handling system
16 and interfaced with the management connection engine, the
17 configuration adjustment engine operable to adjust the configuration of
18 the network communication component if the management connection
19 engine determines the network communication component fails to
20 connect with the remote deployment management station after
21 configuration by the configuration agent.

1 2. The system of Claim 1 wherein the configuration adjustment engine
2 adjusts the configuration by setting the network communications device to
3 communicate with a dynamic Internet address and send a re-configuration request to
4 the remote deployment management station.

1 3. The system of Claim 1 wherein the configuration adjustment engine is
2 further operable to adjust the configuration by applying configuration information of
3 each of the plural network communication components to the one network
4 communication component to determine if the one network communication

5 component establishes communication with the configuration information of another
6 of the plural network communication components.

1 4. The system of Claim 3 wherein the configuration adjustment engine is
2 further operable to adjust the configuration by setting the network communications
3 device to communicate with a dynamic Internet address if the network
4 communication component is unable to establish communication with the remote
5 deployment management system by application of the configuration information of
6 the plural network communication components.

1 5. The system of Claim 4 wherein the configuration agent is further
2 operable to send a message by the dynamic Internet address to the remote deployment
3 server that a configuration error has occurred.

1 6. The system of Claim 5 further comprising a management station user
2 interface in communication with the remote deployment management station and
3 operable to communicate new configuration information to the configuration agent at
4 the dynamic Internet address.

1 7. The system of Claim 4 wherein the communication devices comprise
2 network interface cards.

1 8. The system of Claim 8 wherein the configuration information
2 comprises static IP addresses for the network interface cards.

1 9. A method for remote configuration through a network of an
2 information handling system, the method comprising:
3 retrieving network configuration information through a network
4 communication component of the information handling system using a
5 dynamic address;
6 applying the network configuration information to the network communication
7 component;

8 attempting network communication with the network communication
 9 component using a static address determined from the network
 10 configuration information;
 11 determining that the attempted network communication failed;
 12 automatically adjusting the network communication component configuration
 13 at the information handling system; and
 14 communicating with the network through the adjusted configuration of the
 15 network communication component.

1 10. The method of Claim 9 wherein automatically adjusting further
 2 comprises:

3 adjusting the network communication component to communicate with a
 4 dynamic address.

1 11. The method of Claim 10 wherein communicating with the network
 2 through the adjusted configuration further comprises:
 3 sending a report that the network configuration information is erroneous; and
 4 receiving new network configuration information.

1 12. The method of Claim 11 wherein the network communication
 2 component comprises a NIC and the configuration information comprises a static IP
 3 address of the NIC.

1 13. The method of Claim 10 wherein automatically adjusting further
 2 comprises:
 3 determining the configuration information of a second network
 4 communication component of the information handling system; and
 5 applying the configuration information of the second network communication
 6 component to the first network communication component.

1 14. The method of Claim 13 wherein automatically adjusting further
2 comprises:
3 determining failure of an attempt to communicate by the first network
4 communication component with the configuration information of the
5 second network communication component; and
6 adjusting the first network communication component to communicate with a
7 dynamic address.

1 15. The method of Claim 14 wherein the network communication
2 components comprise NICs and the configuration information comprises IP
3 addresses.

1 16. The method of Claim 15 further comprising:
2 sending new IP addresses for the NICs to the dynamic address; and
3 configuring the NICs with the new IP addresses.

1 17. An information handling system comprising:
2 plural network communication components, each operable to communicate
3 with a dynamic or static address;
4 a configuration agent operable to apply configuration information to the
5 network communication components;
6 a management connection engine operable to determine whether the network
7 communication components are able to communicate over a network;
8 and
9 a configuration adjustment engine interfaced with the management connection
10 engine and operable to adjust the configuration of the network
11 communication components that are unable to communicate over the
12 network after application of the configuration information by the
13 configuration agent.

1 18. The information handling system of Claim 17 wherein the network
2 communication components comprise NICs operable to communicate with a static
3 address when configured with a correct IP address.

1 19. The information handling system of Claim 18 wherein the
2 configuration adjustment engine applies the IP addresses of each NIC to a selected
3 NIC to attempt to communicate over the network.

1 20. The information handling system of Claim 19 wherein the
2 configuration adjustment engine commands a selected NIC to communicate with a
3 dynamic address if communication fails with each of the IP addresses.